

Please give this petition consideration as well as the ARRL petition. Elimination of morse testing was going to be done when last the commission took up amateur radio restructuring. The commisioners then stated that only the international requirement for morse testing stood in the way of elimination of morse testing in the United States. Now that that same requirement has been eliminated, it is in the best interest of the commission to eliminate morse testing from the requirements of higher class amateur licenses. It is not in the best interest of the amateur service to automatically upgrade technician class licensees to general class, however. No matter how closely related the theory tests are for the technician and the general classes, licensees seeking to upgrade should be required to prove their proficiency by taking and passing the general theory test. Thank you for your attention to these matters.

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